

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2808

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1. Project Title	Residences at Casa Familia

2. Senate Sponsor Bryan Avila

3. Date of Request 01/05/2024

4. Project/Program Description

Development of an Assisted Living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, designed to provide greater autonomy than traditional community-based group homes and maximize self help/independent living skills. The development of this program on the site of an enriched independent living community addresses federal mandates to transition individuals with IDD, from facility-based settings to community based settings, while providing vocational, educational, and recreational enrichment, inclusion, and opportunities to enhance connectedness, integration, and self sufficiency within the community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds	
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Department of Commerce

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	
2022-23	0	2,000,000	HL155	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

No



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

🔘 Planning	💽 Design	Construction	🔘 N/A	
b. Is the project	"shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?		No
c. What is the es	timated start da	te of construction?		Dec. 30 2024
d. What is the es	timated complet	tion date of construe	ction?	June 30, 2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Residences at Casa Familia, LLC. (wholly owned by Casa Familia, Inc, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization)

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Additionally, funds may be utilized to pay for program development, preoccupancy, and leasing services, and the staffing, consultants, and legal services to complete the project tasks. Additionally funds will be utilized to pay for bond and loan fees and costs as well as tax credit fees.	500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Capital funds to complete the development and construction of the Residences at Casa Familia, a 24 Bed Shared Living Facility, comprised of four 6-bedroom Homes, a 1200 Sq. Ft. Community Building, and shared amenities. Expenditures may include the cost of staff and or consultants to complete associated tasks.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	3,500,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The requested funds will support the creation of an Assisted Living Facility designed to meet the unique needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our goal is to provide 24/7 supervision while fostering independence and complying with federal mandates aimed at transitioning individuals with IDD from facility-based settings to community-based ones. In doing so, we aim to offer educational and recreational enrichment, promote inclusion, and create opportunities for enhanced connectedness, integration, and self-sufficiency.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

A) Construction of four 6-bedroom homes and a centralized community building within an access-controlled phase. Construction activities encompass Site Preparation, Excavation, Grading, Foundation, Structural Framing, Roofing, Window and Door Installation, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC Systems, Insulation, Drywall and Ceiling Installation, Flooring, Cabinetry and Fixtures Installation, Interior and Exterior Painting, Safety System Installation (Fire alarms, sprinklers, etc.), Landscaping and Site Work, Pathway and Walkway Construction, Roadway and Parking Lot Construction, Accessibility Features (Ramps, wide doorways, etc.), Interior Finishing (trim work, molding, etc.), Quality Control and Inspections, Final Inspections and Approvals, Staff Training and Orientation, and Furniture and Equipment Installation. B) Preoccupancy services: program development, staffing, and leasing activities.

C) Staffing, legal services, and Consultants to complete deliverables associated with the project.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Services will include 24/7 Supervision as needed, daily living skills assistance and training, Residential Habilitation services, educational enrichment, on-site recreational activities, and planned activities such as shopping, dining out, going to movies and other recreational and leisure opportunities to enhance connectedness, integration, and self sufficiency.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Individuals served by this funding will include 24 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who require 24/7 supervision but who will benefit from living in an environment that maximizes their potential for independence and self determination.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will

be measured?

This project will develop best practices strategies to ensure residents are provides with a safe and secure environment and receive the training they require to maximize their self-help/independent living skills. This project will be programmatically designed to maximize opportunities for community integration and improve the quality of life of its residents.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties

for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Reimbursement of funds to the State.

15. Requester Contact Information

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. Recipient Contact	Information		

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a. Organization	Casa Familia, Inc.
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- **b. Municipality and County** | Miami-Dade
- c. Organization Type



c. E-mail Address d. Phone Number

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□For Profit Entity						
☑Non Profit 501(c	e)(3)					
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)					
□Local Entity	□Local Entity					
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